



BORIS THE SPIDER

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Raw Power, and Naked Greed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"

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BORIS BOURSE OPENS!!

The Boris Bourse has opened and is ready for business. What's this? It's a game of speculation on the foreign exchange markets based on the performance of the countries in BORIS VI. Anybody who wants to play can divvy up \$1000 worth of cash and buy pounds, francs, rubles, lira, marks etc at the rate of \$1 per supply center that the country holds. The value of the currency will change with the number of the number of centers, so that if you bought francs in Spring 1901 (\$3 each) and France gained three centers in 1901 you could sell them in Spring 1902 at \$6 each or hold them and hope France grows even more. When a country is eliminated, its currency is worthless. The Bourse is open to everyone except the players in BORIS VI. So think up an imagination corporation name and place your order! The Bourse will be open every Spring turn. The official exchange rates follow:

British pound: \$3	French franc: \$3	German mark: \$3
Italian lira: \$3	Russian ruble: \$4	Turkish dollar: \$3

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: The Spartans do not ask how many the enemy number, but where they are.
--Agis of Sparta

Our own Rick Egvedt (1835, DUNE, BORIS VI) is interested in GMing a game of 1853 (choo-choos in India) if he can find the other five game owners in the country. He'll probably run it as a sub-zine out of BORIS if there's enough interest. If you are, contact him (address on p 19).

And TJ Klausutis (BORIS IV, CRUELTY IS IN) is interested in GMing an E-mail DIP game over internet and/or Genie beginning about May. Drop him a (E-)line if interested (addresses on p 19).

VERTIGO is back! Brad Wilson (formerly of BORIS V) is still looking for some DIP and DIP variant players. He has immediate openings in DIP, Gunboat DIP and two variants. A subscription is \$4.50 for 10 issues and "never a game fee". "V" is always an interesting read. His address is on p 19.

HURRICON ALEC is coming to Ft Walton Beach 26-28 Feb 93. Boris will be TDing the DIP and 1830 tourneys. C'mon down and meet the local group of cutthroats, sycophants, zanies, and, of course, Ms Nar. No accomodations available at Boris Manor as Ma Bolduc will be in town.

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes Ron Fisher for his article datelined Budapest in BORIS V..

There will be no Ms Nar Super-Suds Bomb this month.

BORIS V--Continued from p 3

armies in the Balkans. It is hoped the combined weight of all the fleets and armies will finally eliminate the Turkish infidels and secure the Holy Lands for all pilgrims.

CLASSIFIEDS

France and Italy must work together to defeat the Austrain turncoat and puppet of the Russians.

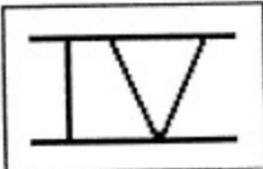
Abdul's is back in business. Now offering finely crafted Turkish sailboats. These vessels, once the heart of the Sultans fleet, have been obtained at great expense from the Russian quartermaster corps as surplus booty. But Abduls will part with a limited number of boats for a mere pittance above dealer cost. Write Abdul's today at the Casbah, Morocco.

THAILAND FOOD MENU: "Die young kid" = Frog on a stick.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CST) 6 MAR 93

**TSAR RETURNS!!
FRENCH GET FRIED!**

Fall 1905



CLIFFHOME--Sharp German diplomacy seems to have turned the tide as the Kaiser recaptures his beer capital and finally annexes those pesky Danes while archfoe France is plundered of three centers. The Tsar has returned to find his capital defenseless against two English fleets. Wormtongue continues his tug-of-war with the Sultan over BUL even as Lord Devonie gleefully regains his Monarch's homeland from the French.

ERRATA: Germany actually ordered A Kie-Mun, A Ber S A Kie-Mun in Fall 1904. No change in the outcome.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS (Fryling):	A Boh S GER A Ber-Mun, [A Bud-Rum], [A Bul-Con], A Rum-Ukr, [F Gre-Bul(sc)],
ENG (Shacklett):	A Sev H, F Bal-Lvn, [F Bot-STP(sc)], F Hol-Hel, F Mid-Por, F NAT-Irl, [F Nth S GER A Kie-Hol](nso), F Wel-Lon;
FRA (Rezzarday):	A Bel-Hol, A Bre-Gaz, A Mun-Tri, A Pic-Bur, A Ruh S A Bel-Hol, [F Eng-Nth];
GER (J. Fisher):	A Ber-Mun, A Kie-Den;
ITA (Klausutis):	A Pie-Mar, A Tun H, F Has-Aeg, F Ion-Tyn, F Tri H;
RUS (Saunders):	A War H, [F Bla-Rum], [F STP(sc)-Bot];
TUR (Tsuk):	A Con H, F Aeg-Ion, [F Alb S AUS A Bud-Tri](nso).

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, nso = unit not so ordered, off = off the board, om = unit on the move, r-?? unit must retreat, u = unordered.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, +Bul	(6) Build 1
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hwy, -Den, Swe, Bre, Mos, +Por, +Sev	(9) Build 1
FRA: -Mar, Par, -Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, -Mun	(4) Tear 2
GER: Ber, Kie, +Den, +Mun	(4) Build 2
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, +Mar	(5) Build 1
RUS: -Sev, War, STP	(2) Tear 1
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, -Bul	(3) Even

Due next time are orders for Winter 1905/06 and Spring 1906. The latter may be conditional on the former.

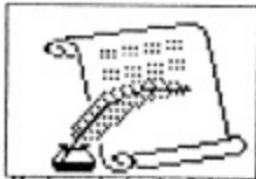
EMBASSY BEAT

LONDON--Whitehall has announced that the fall offensive by a combined German army and Royal fleet has begun in Holland. The Royal Marines have turned over positions to their Germanic cousins in preparation to turn the French frogs out of the lowlands. Offensives in the Russian seas continue but communication has been lost with the Highlander Division somewhere in the Russian steppes. A garbled message about "brawn fin sail do' the Don" was the last missive received by Whitehall.

CLASSIFIEDS

Archduke to Sultan: My last message was slightly garbled. Delete the word "with" from the sentence "I'm looking forward to conquering with you."

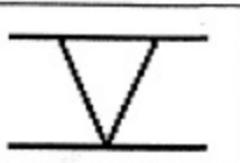
Boris to Tsarevitch: Thanks for the standby orders. Yours were better.



TURKS OUT! BRITS & RUSSIANS STALLED!

Fall 1905

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MURKWOOD--As the Sultan rises to Paradise and an eternity of dallying with hours, the three remaining minors seem to have finally put the brakes on Anglo-Russian expansionism. This makes a conflict between London and St Petersburg all the more likely, but can hardly relieve the concern in Vienna and Vichy that they will be the next next into the voracious maws of the Czar and the King respectively.

ERRATA: The Russian order A Ser S A Rum-Bul succeeded last time. The "nsu" designation was a fossil inadvertently left in from a provisional set of Russian orders that neglected to retreat A Gre-Ser.

TECH MOVEMENTS

French A BUR retreated to MAR, Italian A VEN retreated to ROM, and Turkish F GRE retreated to ALB.

AUS (R. Fisher):	[A Pie-Mar], A Tri-Ser, A Ven-Tri;
ENG (Morrison):	A Bel-Bur, A Bre H, A Bur-Par, A Lon-Wal, A Mun S A Bel-Bur, [F Eng-Mid], F Hol-Bel, F Kie H, [F Nth-Eng], F Pic H(u), [F Por S F Eng-Mid](d);
FRA (Hanna):	[A Mar-Pie], F Mid-Por, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-Por, [F Wes-Mid];
ITA (McHugh):	A Rom-Ven, A Tus S A Rom-Ven, [F Ion S TUR F Alb-Gre](nsu);
RUS (Shacklett):	A Bul H, A Gal S A Sil, A Gre S A Ser-Alb, A Rum H, A Ser-Alb, A Sil S F Ber, A Smy H(u), A Ukt H(u), F Ber H, F Bla-Con, F Con-Aeg, [F Eas-Ion];
TUR (Frueh):	[F Alb-Ion](r-???)

Orders in brackets fail; d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nsu = unit not so ordered; nsu = no such unit; otb = off the board; otm = unit on the move, r-?? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; u = unorderd. Turkish F ALB may retreat to ADR or otb.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Vie, Tri, +Ser	(4) Build 1
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hwy, Bel, Den, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mun, -Por, +Par	(11) Build 1
FRA: Mar, -Par, Spa, Tun, +Por	(4) Even
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven	(3) Even
RUS: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Swe, Ank, Ber, Bul, Smy, Con, -Ser, +Gre	(12) Even
TUR: -Gre	(0) Tear 1*

*If Turkish F ALB retreats otb, Turkey is already OUT.

Due next time are orders for Winter 1905/06 and Spring 1906. The latter may be conditional on the former. Especial thanks to Mark Freuh for playing out a losing hand as Turkey.

EMBASSY REPORT

BUDAPEST--Austria announced its army was being withdrawn from VEN. "Having recovered strategic materials removed from TRI during the Italian occupation earlier, and not wishing to cause conflict with our neighbor Italy, the army is returning to TRI immediately" announced Baron Fisher, Foreign Minister. "We hope this show of good faith will promote the peace talks between our nations and help defuse the hostile atmosphere in this part of the Med. Also the 1st Austrian Expeditionary Force is ordered to MAR to check out the wine and gourmet munchies available before France is overrun by the English and that great food is smothered by potatoes and heavy beef gravy."

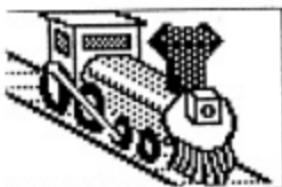
LONDON--As quoted from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Reginald Townsend: "The French do not have a Count de Tourville to pull the victory they need with all their mighty fleets. Paris has fallen to the English Army. Only MAR and their fleets remain."

"The odds for their fleets are the same as their historic 1692 Battle at Barfleur outnumbered 99 to 44. They will not repeat their victory and will end up beached and burning without a home to call their own."

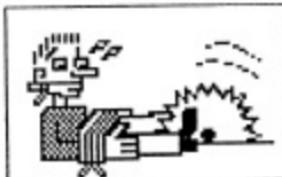
"We will rule the Atlantic and chase the French back to the Mediterranean Sea!"

SEVASTOPOL--The Czar's royal shipyards have announced the sailing of another fleet to bolster the

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CRUELTY IS IN OR 7.1 ONLY DIESELS AT BAY



PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$32, 5 C&O(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <Priority>
 Klausutis: \$13, 6 PA(Prez), 3 B&O(VP), 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(VP), 1 Erie, 1 NYC
 Frueh: \$188, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O, 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Pres), 4 PA(VP), 3 Erie
 Hanna: \$3, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez), 2 B&M

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A180	0	0	n/a	\$110	45	1
NYNH&H	D120	4	0	n/a	\$180	4	0
PA	A112	0	0	n/a	\$205	35	3
ERIE	A100a	0	0	n/a	\$260	35	2
B&M	A100b	0	0	n/a	\$670	33	0
C&O	E90	4	0	n/a	\$353	34	2
CP	B90	1	3	\$100	\$1000	--	4
NYC	F67	0	3	\$67	\$370	4	3

OPERATING ROUND 7.1:

B&O: Lay Tile #66 in H18(sw). Play token in H18E (\$110-100=\$10). Run G19S-G17-H16-H18 (\$170) and G19S-H18-I15-J14-K13 (\$250). Pay dividends (CCH +\$210, TJK +\$126, MMF +\$84); price moves to A200.

NYNH&H: Lay Tile #61 in E23(ne). Runs G19N-F20-F22-E23 (\$180), withhold, so price slides to D110. Buy 3-train from PA for \$355. (\$180+180-355 = \$5).

PA: Lay Tile #23 in H14(e). Run I15-H12-H10-G7-F6 (\$130). Withhold, price slips to A100. Buy 6-train (\$205+355+140-630 = \$65). All 3-trains are scrapped.

ERIE: Lay Tile #67 in E11(e). Play token in D14 (\$260-40 = \$220). Run E11-D14 (\$70). Pay dividends (CCH +\$42, MMF +\$21, TJK +\$7); price goes to A112.

B&M: Lay Tile #9 in D22(e) (\$670-120 = \$550). No run, stock drops to A90. Buy 6-train, supplying \$80 from pocket (\$550+80 = \$630).

C&O: Lay Tile #26 in H6(w). Run J2-H4-F6-G7E (\$120). Pay dividend (WM +\$60, C&O +\$48, MMF +\$12); price increases to E100.

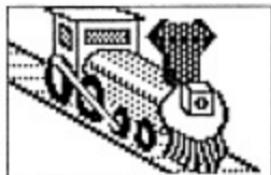
CP: Lay Tile #58 in B18(sw). Lay initial token in A20. No runs, so price slips to A90. Buy 6-train (\$1000-630 = \$370).

NYC: Play Tile #63 in E19(e). Play token in G19N (\$370-40 = \$330). Run E19-G19N-F20S-F22 (\$160). Pay dividend (WM +\$96, TJK +\$16); price moves to F71.

Due next time are orders for OR 7.2 and as far into 7.3 as you can manage. We will stop play if a diesel is bought unless everyone has planned for this possibility and there are no forced engine buys. Be aware that cities tiles are in short supply (like 2 #63s and 1 #14).

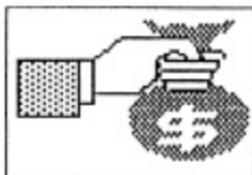
PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$188, 5 C&O(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) <Priority>
 Klausutis: \$162, 6 PA(Prez), 3 B&O(VP), 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(VP), 1 Erie, 1 NYC
 Frueh: \$225, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O, 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Pres), 4 PA(VP), 3 Erie
 Hanna: \$255, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez), 2 B&M



GREED IS GOOD

OR 5.1 ONLY!
2-TRAINS SCRAPPED!!



ERRATA: Dick Martin and Don Chinnery have pointed out that Greg couldn't sell his C&A to the PA during a SR. The transfer could only be made during the PA's OR. Now since the PA operated last, and Greg had the Priority Card, we'll just consider it having been done half a tempo earlier. The NYNH&H has four shares in the Pool and the PA's par value (\$76) was deleted too soon. Looks like I overcharged Don by \$10 for each of those two shares of B&M and lost track of \$160 of Wayne's cash during the stock buying frenzy. Paul's last share of B&M should have been CP, saving him \$19 and selling out the CP. The map was missing the P22 upgrade. Sigh. Some days I should just stay in bed.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$63, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 5 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP
Morrison:	\$180, SVH&R, 1 PA, 5 NYC(VP), 3 CP(VP)
Bliss:	\$58, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) < PRIORITY >
Kuntz:	\$18, 5 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Paffenberger (G&D):	\$48, 4 B&O(VP), 4 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$27, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 2 B&M

OPERATING ROUND 5.1:

Private Companies pay Zieske \$15, Morrison \$5+20=\$25, NYNH&H \$10, and PA \$25.

B&O: Lays Tile #28 in H14(se). Play taken in H10 (\$380-100 = \$280). Run K13-J14 (\$60), K15-J14 (\$50), H15-H16 (\$80), H10-H15-J14 (\$100). Withholds (\$280+290 = \$570), so price slides to B126.

NYNH&H: Lays Tile #59 in H18(se). Run G198-G17-G19N (\$130), F22-F20 (\$40), G19N-F20 (\$70), F22-F24 (\$40). Pay dividends (JB +\$140, NYNH&H +\$112, PZ +\$28); price rises to D110.

NYC: Lays Tile #57 in E19(v). Plays taken in E19. No run, so price drops to A90. Buy 3-train; buy D&H from PZ for \$35 (\$1000-180-35 = \$785).

B&M: Lays Tile #53 in E23(w). Plays taken in E23. No run, so price slips to B82. Buy 3-train (\$900-180 = \$720).

C&O: Lay Tile #55 in G7(ne). No run, so stock drops to C76. Buy 4-train (\$820-300 = \$520). All 2-trains are scrapped.

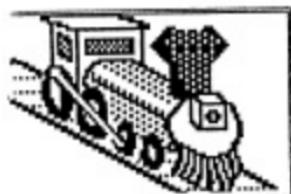
CP: Lays Tile #9 in B18(v) (\$710-80 = \$630). No run so price slips to E67. Buys 4-train (\$630-300 = \$450).

PA: Lay Tile #8 in H8(mw). Run H15-H12-H10-G7 (\$90). Withholds, so price slides back to E67. (\$260+90 = \$350).

Due next time are orders for OR 5.2; players are asked to plan for the unlikely purchase of a 5-train during these ORs. Bliss has the Priority Card for SR 6.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$141, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 5 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP
Morrison:	\$180, SVH&R, 1 PA, 5 NYC(VP), 3 CP(VP)
Bliss:	\$198, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) < PRIORITY >
Kuntz:	\$18, 5 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Paffenberger (G&D):	\$48, 4 B&O(VP), 4 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$27, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 2 B&M



16 TONS FIRST TRACK LAID! PHASE CHANGE!!



PLAYER RECORDS

Rick Egtvedt:	\$15, D&H, M&H, 2 B&O
Mark Frueh:	\$57, C&A, 3 PA
Paul Zieske:	\$80, B&Opc, 3 B&O(Prez)
Mike Puffenberger:	\$20, 5 NYNH&H(Prez)
James Bliss:	\$0, SVN&RR, 5 PA(Prez)
Don Chinnery:	\$32, C&SL, 1 B&O, 3 NYNH&H <Priority>

CURRENT SITUATION

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A100	0	4	\$100	\$1000	-	3
PA	D76a	0	2	\$76	\$760	-	4
NYNH&H	D76b	0	2	\$76	\$760	-	2

OPERATING ROUND 1:

Privates pay RE (\$15+20 = \$35), MMF (+\$25), PZ (+\$30), JB (+\$5), and DC (+\$10).

B&O: Lay Tile #57 in J14 (\$1000-80 = \$920). Play token in I15. No runs, so price slips to A90. Buy two 2-trains (\$920-160 = \$760). B&Opc is closed.

PA: Play Tile #57 in H16(w). Place tokens in H12 and H16 (\$760-40 = \$720). No runs, so price slips to D71. Buy two 2-trains and a 3-train (\$720-160 = \$560).

NYNH&H: Play Tile #57 in F20(sw). No run; price slides to D71b. Buy two 2-trains and a 3-train (\$760-160-160 = \$420).

STOCK ROUND 2:

Egtvedt passes. Frueh buys 1 PA (\$82-76 = \$6)

Zieske buys 1 B&O (\$110-100 = \$10).

All pass.

Due next time are orders for ORs 2.1 & 2.2 and SR3. Green tiles are available. Mike has the Priority Card.

PLAYER RECORDS

Rick Egtvedt:	\$50, D&H, M&H, 2 B&O
Mark Frueh:	\$6, C&A, 4 PA
Paul Zieske:	\$10, 4 B&O(Prez)
Mike Puffenberger:	\$20, 5 NYNH&H(Prez) <Priority>
James Bliss:	\$5, SVN&RR, 5 PA(Prez)
Don Chinnery:	\$42, C&SL, 1 B&O, 3 NYNH&H

CURRENT SITUATION

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A100	0	3	\$100	\$760	22	2
PA	D76	0	1	\$76	\$560	22	2
NYNH&H	D76	0	2	\$76	\$420	223	1

SECRET NUMBER: 3333444444555666677DDDDDD.

The Bank has \$18,127.

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THE FRENCH

ALL TRAINS ARE GREEN

SHIPPING STATION:

RTE sells 1 SX, buys Direktor's share of WT ($137M + 96 - 168 = 65M$). SX drops to P92.DBC buys 1 WT ($149M - 84 = 65M$).Vdz buys 1 BY ($196M - 110 = 86M$). BY sold out!CCH buys 1 WT ($178M - 84 = 92M$)RTE and DBC pass. Vdz buys 1 WT ($86M - 84 = 2M$). WT floats!

All pass.

Herr Hanna has *der Zug*. BY is sold out so rises to B120. Due next time are orders for OR 7.1 & 7.2.

GREEN TRAINS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 92M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 6 BA(Dir), 1 WT <*Der Zug*>

Rick Egteveld (RTE): 65M, NF, OB, 5 BY(Dir), 2 WT(Dir)

Don Chinnery (Der Bahn Corp - DBC): 65M, #3, 6 SX(Dir), 1 WT

John Butitta (Volksdampfzug - Vdz): 2M, #2, Braun, Hanna, PB, 5 BY, 1 WT

GREEN TRAINS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1	--				100	2	0
#2	--				145	2	0
#3	--				100	2	0
#4	--				230	2	0
#5	--				125	2	0
#6	--				150	2	0
BY	B120	0	0	n/a	502	2,2+,3	4
SX	P92	3	0	n/a	496	2,2+2+2+	2
WT	D84	0	5	84	420	---	2
BA	D78	0	4	84	14	2,33	2
PR	D154	0	4	154			

GREENS AVAILABLE: 3,3+3+3+,444,4+,55,5+,66,6+6+6+.

The Bank has 8,494M.

GREEN AVAILABLE: #1(0), #2(1), #3(2), #4(0), #5(2), #6(0), #7(7), #8(5), #9(2), #55(1), #56(1), #57(0), #58(0), #69(1), #201(0), #202(0). All green tiles are in short supply.

CRUELTY IS IN--Continued from p 4

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A200	0	0	n/a	\$110	45	0
NYNH&H	D112	4	0	n/a	\$5	4	0
PA	A100	0	0	n/a	\$60	5	3
ERIE	A112	0	0	n/a	\$220	5	1
B&M	A90	0	0	n/a	\$0	6	0
C&O	E100	4	0	n/a	\$401	4	3
CP	B82	1	3	\$100	\$370	6	3
NYC	F71	0	3	\$67	\$330	4	2

TRAINS AVAILABLE: DDDDDDD

The Bank has \$9,674.



KREMLIN



SATIN PARTY CHIEF! PCS GETS WAVE!

THE CAST

Dan Farrow: Committee of Modern Marxists into Expanding Socialism (COMMIES) <2 Waves>
 Mark Luedi: Old Red Farts (ORF)
 Mark Frueh: Marginal Mechanics Faction (MMF) <1 Wave>
 Paul Saunders: Party of Cartographic Socialists (PCS)

ERRATA: Card #15 purges the FOREIGN Minister, not the DEFENSE Minister. This means Satin is still in it. The corrected results follow.

TURN 4

Party Chief:	Badenuff (X), 66, ++;	7 IP (COMMIES*)
KGB Head:	Patina (S), 58, ++	
Foreign Minister:	Zenjarplan (Q), 67(s), ++;	4 IP (COMMIES*), 3 IP (MMF)
Defense Minister:	Satin (O), 62	
Ideology Chief:	Schruckulov (B), 75	
Industry Minister:	Goferbrok (C), 74	1 IP (MMF*)
Economy Minister:	Niewitko (D), 73	4 IP (PCS*)
Sports Minister:	Krakemheds (E), 79(w), +, ?;	2 IP (MMF*)
Candidates:	F,G,K,M<2 64, 2 IP (PCS*)>,U	
People:	J,L,P(62),R,T,V,W,Z	
Siberia:	I(74), N(67), Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A,H	

CURE PHASE MMF declares 2 IP on "B". Everyone stays at work. Badenuff ages 3 SP to 69, Patina ages 2 SP to 60, Zenjarplan ages 1 SP to 68, and Krakemheds ages 3 SP to 82.

PURGE PHASE COMMIES declare 3 IP on Patina (S). ORF plays card #15, forcing the first purge to be the Foreign Minister (Q). Ludmilla purges "Q" on 16+3, then fails to purge "B" on 4, aging 4 SP to 64.

SPY PHASE no activity

HEALTH PHASE Boris (X, 69++) hunts moose and squirrel with "2"-barreled shotgun. It explodes. Ludmilla (S, 64++) takes "1" more lover and dies of exhaustion. Oleg (O, 62) conducts "11" hours of intense nuclear negotiations, no problem. Lech (B, 75) parties hardy with "20" Moskva State U coeds. Alexej (C, 74) eats "7" kilos of caviar and gets sick (+). Petr (D, 73) plays chess for "15" hours; feels great. Karel (E, 82+) ice skates for "8" hours and catches a chill (++)

FUNERAL COMMISSION PHASE Schruckulov must nominate Satin. ORF reveals 2 IP on Goferbrok and votes "Nyet." Niewitko votes "Da." The rest abstain. Satin is now Party Chief.

REPLACEMENT PHASE PCS reveals 1 IP on Satin. Satin promotes Niewitko KGB Chief, aging 1 SP to 63. Krakemheds (E) and Schruckulov (B) are promoted by age to Foreign Minister, and Defense Minister respectively. Krakemheds promotes Protzky (U) to Economy Minister, Purgemoff (F) to Ideology Chief, and Manjak (P) to Candidate, aging 3 SP to 85. Palavrian (G) promotes by age to Sports Minister. Talksalott (J), Doberman (L), and Manjak (P) promote by age to Candidates.

REHABILITATION PHASE No action.

PARADE PHASE Oleg waves! PCS earns a wave.

Due next time are orders for Turn 5's Cure, Purge, and Spy Phases.

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DUNE

ENDGAME
STATEMENTS

GM responds



Errata: The text for Phase 2 stated that no alliances were formed; this is in error. The Fremen and Guild allied.

Final statements:

FREMEN: *Veni, vidi, vici* (I came, I saw, I conquered)--Julius Caesar.

It was a good victory, not a great one, but a good one. I would rather render all the invade to the tanks (I could use the water).

The next time I would like to see the other players informed of the Alliance if formed so the they could replan their move. An alternate set of orders could be submitted in the event of an alliance forming and list what the other player preferences would be.

The Harkonnens played a tough game. I can only say that I could only match the blackhearts by joining with them or someone else, the Guild being the most logical.

I would gladly match wits and cards again in a rematch and hopefully have additional player

GUILD: Since this was rather blind, I think the House Rules should reflect the f/f ability of other players to try and prevent a victory like the Fremen and Guild just won. Everybody was licking their wounds and did not learn of an alliance that fulfilled victory conditions until the game was actually over. An alliance holding three centers should have to hold them through another round, giving opponents a chance to prevent victory rather than winning while the opponents aren't aware they're lost.

HARKONNEN: Congratulations to the winners, at least by the rules! It's too bad the game ended, I was looking forward to using the Atomics against one of your sentries. Let alone the visual impact of seeing your troops die from Weather Control. But again, congratulations!

GM: While I too felt that perhaps the alliance should've been announced, the House Rules didn't call for it. Then too, it's not like it was a total surprise that F&G could ally then, the Worm card was out there for all to see. Conditional orders would've been quite acceptable and, as it turned out, a wise precaution. Chalk one up to the learning curve.

From my Olympian viewpoint, it looked to me like the Guild could've won it on Turn 2. Harkonnen then gained the upper hand and could have won anytime thereafter. He had the cards, troops, leaders, and traitors to do it easily. The next time we do this, I'll offer as optional rules either the alliance notification courtesy call, or a rule forbidding alliance wins.

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PRAVDA

ORF-MMF: Okay, suppose you double-cross me, you will pay dearly for the privilege!

Party Chief:	Satin (O), 63	1 IP (PCS*)
KGB Head:	Niewitko (D), 73, +	4 IP (PCS*)
Foreign Minister:	Krakemheds (E), 85(w), ++, ?	2 IP (MMF*)
Defense Minister:	Schrunkov (B), 75	2 IP (MMF*)
Ideology Chief:	Purgemoff (F), 71	
Industry Minister:	Goferbiok (C), 74(s)	2 IP (ORF*) 1 IP (MMF)
Economy Minister:	Protzky (U), 56	
Sports Minister:	Palavrian (G), 70	
Candidates:	J,K,L,M<? 64, 2 IP (PCS*)>,P(62)	
People:	R,S,T,V,W,Z	
Siberia:	I(74), H(67), Q, Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A,H,S,X	

MAGIC REALM

WOOLLY & SCITCH ESCAPE SIR J THWACKS GIANT!

The Cast:

John Butta: "Moondoggie" the Sorceror (Bushytail, Misty)
Scott Cameron: "Wulf Ironhelm" the Berserker
Ron Chinnery: "Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit Silky)
Dan Farrow: "Woolly" the optional Wizard
Richard Price: "Sir Jordan" the White Knight
Jack Shackett: "Fang Gulfwulf" the Berserker
Michael Tsuk: "Capt Avalon" the optional Captain

INNATA: Wulf no longer has R6 in tow. Woolly ordered a HIDE phase before searching last time so his orders should read:

Woolly @ Cr3: H(2,1 = yes), S(Loc 4,2 = chits), S(Lt 2,1 = 2nd Tr), S(Lt 6,5 = bottom Tr). Reveal STINK M., ALTAR 1, LOST CASTLE 1, PATTER 2, LAIR 3, CAIRNS 5, ROAR 6; T Giant appears at Cr3 blocking Scitch.

VENTURE 9

Robin lures the Giant while Sir J readies his H* sword. Robin shoots the Giant Lt*** (4,3 = *) trust/charge 4; Sir J swings H4**; Giant swings club H6 while the Giant smashes/ducks H5/S. Dead Giant. Sir Jordan gains 8F and 8N and fatigues his FIGHT H5*.

Woolly, although hidden, retreats toward Cr2, abandoning a treasure in the process. Scitch, with a H piper and T Giant on his sheet, opts to activate his BROOMSTICK and fly toward Pine Woods.

Wulf activates the H5/H7 horse.

DAY 10 Monster Roll = 4
Capt Avalon @ G.House: T(4,4 = x3 buy broadsword for 24G, trading in M6/L4 horse for 9G), T, T, T, T

Scitch airborne between Cr & PW: FM(PW4), R(MAGIC V3*), SPX, SP(enchant PW using MAGIC IV4* and PURPLE 4), SP(convert MAGIC IV3* to PURPLE 3); reveals BONES W.

Woolly between Cr3 & Cr2: M Cr2, MCr2, MCY4, MCY1

Wulf @ Inn: S(Lt 4,4 = breastplate), S(Lt 6,4 = no), S(Lt 4,1 = _____), HR(2,1 = x1 hire R5 for 1G), R(FIGHT T6*). Company appears.

Moondoggie @ LW5=LCF, Bashkars & Lancers: R(MAGIC IV4*), R(MAGIC IV4*), SPX, SP(convert MAGIC IV4* to PURPLE 4), SP(convert MAGIC IV4* to PURPLE 4).

Sir Jordan @ C15 w/R4: H(6,4 = no), S(Loot 3,2 = no), S(Loot 4,3 = no), S(Loot 4,3 = no), R(FIGHT H5*), reveals BONES M., STATUE 2.

Fang & R7 @ MW4: H(3,2 = yes), H, M Ru 1, M Ru 2; reveal DANK C, FLUTTER 1. Two H. Flying Dragons appear at Ru1.

COMBAT: There's Trouble (6,4) leading to Battle (6,5) between the Company and Wulf.

TEUFF OF NOTE: A T. Demon at Cr1, a sixpack of axe-goblins at BL2, a sixpack of spear-goblins at BL5, a Giant, a H Spider and an abandoned treasure at Cr3, two horses, a shield, and a treasure abandoned at BV5. The Vault is open and still has two treasures therein. Borderland and Pine Woods are enchanted. All the Rogues are available for hire except R4, R6, and R7. New map on p 14.

RESS:

Gancers and Bashkars together at the same cookout. Kawabunga, dudes!

He's the Berserker, he carries an axe,
he prefers looting to earning, 'cause there's no income tax.

Scott-Mike: Take care of my horses. I'll be coming for them soon.

THE HUNT



MORRISON REQUIRES LEAD CAMERON IS HOT PURSUING!

Inspired by Lipton's book, "An Exaltation of Larks", this is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep", or "pride" for lions. Boris and Ms Har will rank each entry for each word and the best score will be the winner, regardless of Mr. Lipton's proclamations. Each word gives a possible 1 point, but the point may be split if either more than one player suggests it or two or more words are ranked equally. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. The Hunt is run in "Chases" or rounds. This is the third Chase. To the Hunt!

CHASE 3:

1. **Cardassians:** belligerency, deck, harassing, luedi, rack, snark(*), truckload, war party(N)
2. **Vulcans:** congregation(+), clan(B), fine point(+), logic(H), longevity, mediator, meld(+), spock, syllogism
3. **Rumulans:** abomination, alarm, cloak, fleet(N), rash, Remus, sneak, stealth(*)
4. **cowboys:** herd(2), posse(/B), roundup(2*), saddle, spur, string
5. **engineers:** caboose, college(B), construct(H), design(*), quantum, slide rule, table, trainload
6. **ghosts:** geist, gunship(B), haunt(N), haunting(2*), holograph, press(L), rustling, sheet, specter
7. **socks:** argyle, collection, drawer(*), drawerful(N), hangar, match, singularity, smell
8. **bears:** batkus, carnivore, chicago, den(*), ditka, dumpster, grouch(H), picnic, sloth(L)
9. **bricks:** hod(N), hodful, layer(+), pile(+), shot, ton(2+!B), yard
10. **sharks:** chomp, circle(N), court, cue, frenzy(2*!B), gang, grinder, shiver(L)

LEGEND: B = Boris's suggestion, L = Lipton's suggestion(s), H = Ms Har's suggestion, * = winner, # = duplicate suggestions, + = tie for first, / = B/L/H suggested it too

AFTERTHOUGHTS: a locomotive of railroad **ENGINEERS** (E); truckload of sanitation E; a testube of chemical E, a bridge of civil E, a gear of mech E, a circuit of electrical E, Superbowl of **COWBOYS**, a dollar of loan **SHARKS**, and a virulence of **TREKKIES**.

Score this time: Wayne Morrison 2.17, Scott Cameron 2.0, Dan Farrow 1.83, John Butitta 1.66, Ron Fisher & Mark Luedi 1.0, and Dick Martin 0.33.

Total score: Wayne Morrison 6.67, Scott Cameron 6.5, Dan Farrow 4.83, Jason Fisher 3, Dick Martin 3.33, Ron Fisher 2, John Butitta 1.67, Mark Luedi 1.

CHASE 4:

- | | | | | |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. boats | 2. alligators | 3. magnets | 4. models | 5. antelopes |
| 6. gnus | 7. antelopes | 8. electrons | 9. quarks | 10. superbowlz |

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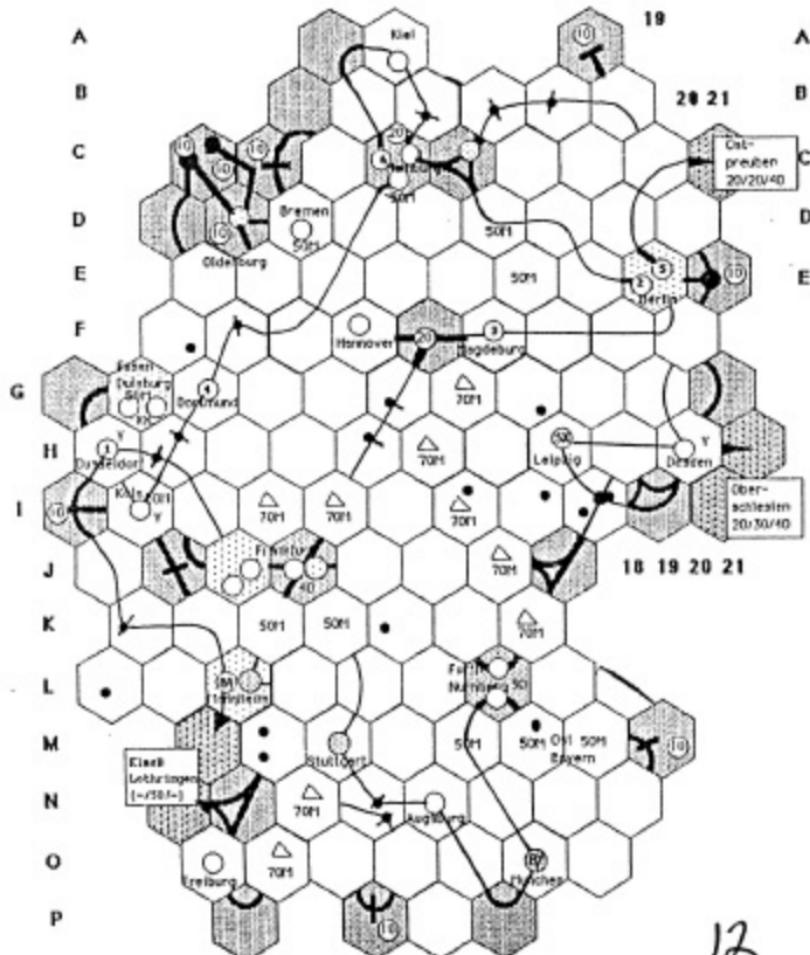
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B&M	B82	0	3	\$90	\$ 720	3	1
C&O	C76	0	4	\$82	\$ 520	4	2
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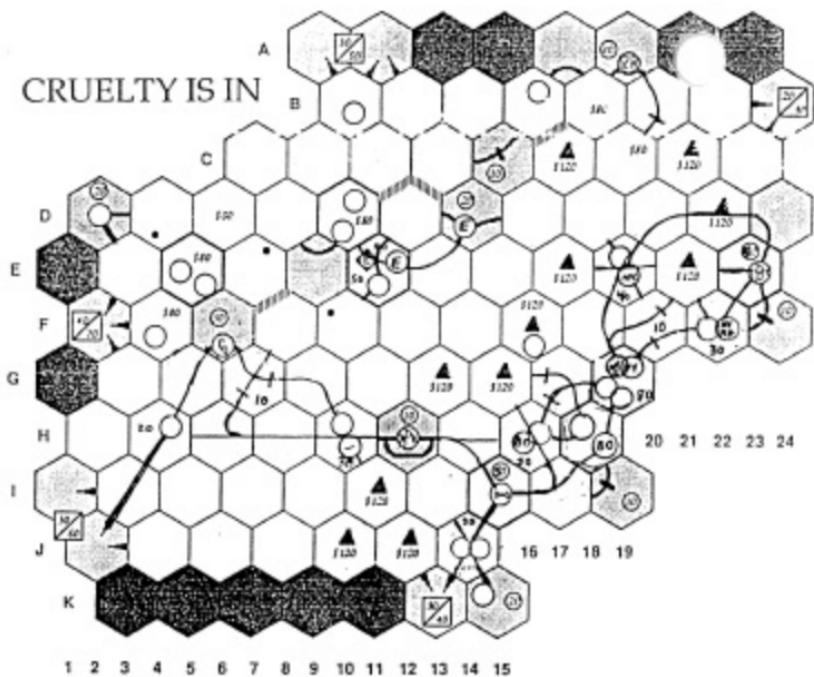
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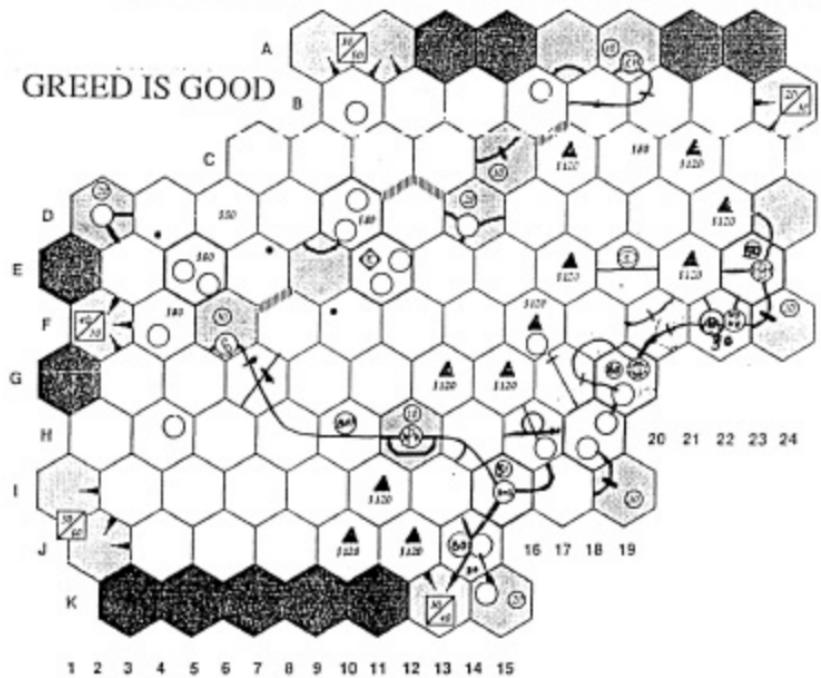
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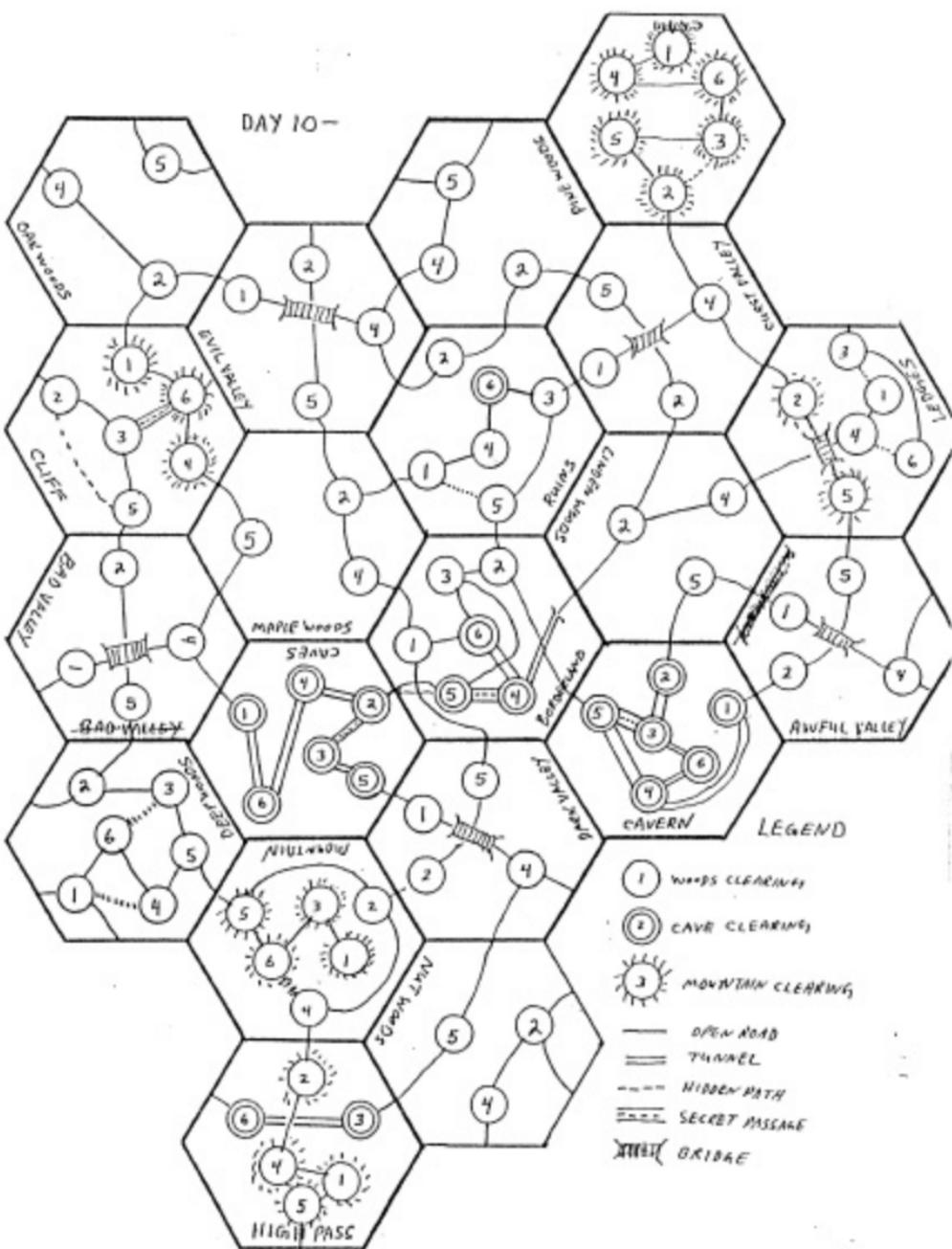


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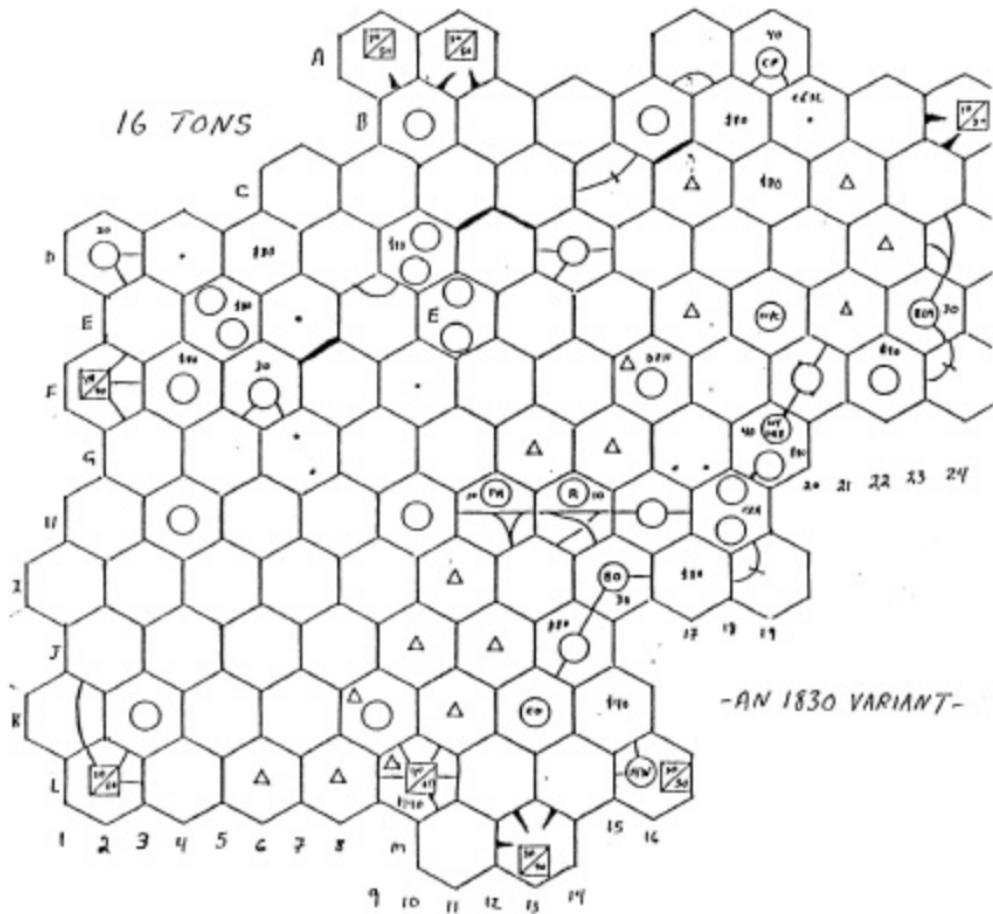


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To: All Diplomacy Hobby Members

18 January 1993

From: Dave McCrumb, Hobby Awards Chairman

Subject: 1993 Diplomacy Hobby Awards (Deadline - 1 April 1993)

I would like to take this opportunity to request nominations for the 1993 Diplomacy Hobby Awards. These Awards are designed to recognize those individuals who have contributed to our hobby during the past year. This is an excellent opportunity for you to show your appreciation for someone that has helped to increase your enjoyment of this hobby. All it takes is a few minutes of your time, but the recognition received by the nominee will be greatly appreciated.

Nominations are being requested for the following awards: (Please list the reason you have submitted your nomination. For the Walker Award, a copy of the article would be appreciated.)

Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service. This is normally considered the most prestigious award. Past recipients have included some of the hobby's most distinguished members. The recipient should be one who has made a major contribution to the hobby in the past year. Ineligible: John Caruso, David Hood

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John Koning Memorial Award for outstanding play of Diplomacy. This may be for PBM, PBEM, ftf, or tournament play during the past year. Ineligible: Gary Behnen

Melinda Holley Award for general participation in the hobby. This award is designed to recognize those people who make this hobby so enjoyable and functional year in and year out. Ineligible: Kathy Caruso, Melinda Holley

Send all nominations to: David McCrumb, 3636 Oldtown Road, Shawsville, Virginia 24162 USA

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Hobby members may make as many nominations as they desire. The only restrictions are that the winner of each award is ineligible to win that particular award the next two years, and the chairman of this committee is ineligible for all awards. While members of the Selection Committee may not nominate each other for any awards, other hobby members may. If this does occur, that member of the committee will not be permitted to vote in that category.

As with all awards, this one cost money. I would like to request a one dollar donation from each participant to help defray costs. If you can not, or do not feel compelled to do so, then don't. Your nominations, and later votes, will still be greatly appreciated. The quality and integrity of these awards will continue as they have been established by the previous Chairmen. If that means coming from my own pocket, so be it. I took this task with that in mind.

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On Deck

1830: Alternates Frueh & Tsuk. Need 6 for normal.

1835: Chinmery & Zieske signed up; Chinmery and Farrow signed up for variant. Alternates Frueh & Tsuk.

DIPLOMACY: Alternates Ford, Franz, Frueh, Morrison, Tsuk, Wilson.

DUNE: R. Fisher and Morrison signed up.

GUNSLINGER: Cameron, Farrow, and McHugh signed up. Cardiff trying to fill a 7-man game with weekly moves (obviously outside the confines of this 'zine, but...).

MAGIC REALM: Continuous openings.

STELLAR CONQUEST: Still some openings.

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